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Piloting *with Doc Hoffstein* *of the* NEW YORK POWER SQUADRON

THE CHANGE IN FORMAT of the Piloting course given by the United States Power Squadron to the new Basic Boating course was initiated in the spring of 1972. About the only thing that remains unchanged is the incredible fact that the course is still FREE to the general public. Now, with two generations of graduates across the finishing line, we can draw some conclusions - although the outcome was pretty well predicted by the education experts that worked so hard on the new material.

To begin with, the course is more directly aimed at the average small boat owner, not only on tidal waters but also across the wide expanse of the U.S.A. This tactic was specifically designed to reduce the appalling accident statistics that are piled up each year by the small boat owner. As the boating population continues to burgeon in alsmot geometric proportions, the projected accident statistics for ten years hence amount to wholesale slaughter. It would seem incumbent on the largest organization in the world devoted to boating educationto move against these projections.

Important material relating to boat trailering and river boating has been including in the new course. The student will learn about trailer size, hull support, hitches, safety chains, brakes and tongue load. Some old salts will bitch no doubt about lecture time spent on tires and wheels, but remember - this course is designed for the average John Doe anywhere in the country who is more than likely going to trailer his sweetheart to the nearest body of water. River boating also is given some time and this lesson includes material on eddies, bends, jetties, mooring, anchoring and even night operation on a river.

The new course opens with a lecture on Handling Under Normal Conditions and is followed up at the next sessions with Adverse Condtions. So right off, the new student and/or new boat owner receive some basics that might save a life even if he never continues on to the third session.

The remaining sections in turn deal with Seamanship and Common Emergencies, Rules of the Road, Aids t Navigation, Compass and Chart Fa- n liarization, Running Lights and Equip- n nt, Boat Trailering, River Boating ar Mariner's Compass and Piloting.

Each of these sections has been thc oughly worked and re-worked by spe alists in each field and even the rela onship of one section to the other has en carefully and sequentially laid out educational planners.

The time and effort expended on this course is beginning to bear fruit. Our most recent graduates seem to be doing better on their final exams. This results from more enthusiasm and interest during the classroom sessions. My personal observation indicates that there are fewer drop-outs particularly those that used to become embroiled in the mathematics of Piloting and Compass work. The math really is quite simple but why frighten new students with any arithmetic until they are ready to relate to actual situations using a chart aboard ship?

The statistics for 1972 are not in

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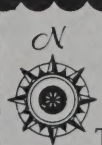

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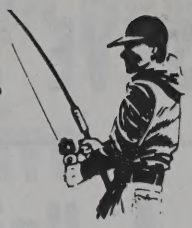

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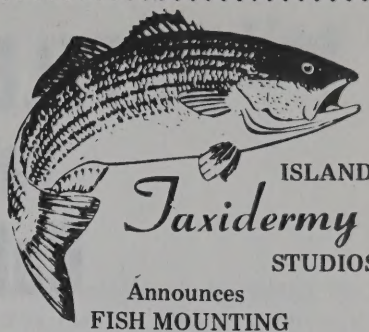
FRONT PAGE PHOTO

The flounder fishing continues to hold up very well around Long Island waters. Weather plays the important role in this fishing. Not that cold rainy weather stops the flounders, it is keeping the anglers home near the fireside. Our front page show some of the more hardy anglers of the Arthur Kill Fishing Club with 160 flounder taken on a recent trip to Moriches Bay. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.



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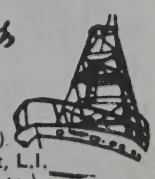

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BATTLE TO SAVE STRIPED BASS

Call For A United Front

BY AL REINFELDER

MANY CALLS and letters have reached this desk since the publication of "Final Solution to the Striped Bass Problem: Extermination." Understandably, everyone was upset. Because the article was done in a satrical vein some readers discounted the entire article as scare-fiction. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Although the names and quotations of the individuals in that piece were fictional, the actions and attitudes were not. Every one of the statements regarding the A.E.C. approval to operate Con Ed's Indian Point 2 Nuclear Generating plant; the A.E.C. report predicting the "drastic reduction" of striped bass in the Hudson River as a direct result of the Nuke's operation; the ways in which striped bass are killed by the Nukes; the swamp-burial ground; and the proposals to build many more and larger nuclear power plants on the Hudson - were all true, and can be substantiated by reports in the New York Times, by the Hudson River Fisherman's Association and by the A.E.C. report itself.

Some readers - on the other hand- took the article as gospel and tried calling people like Con Ed P.R. director "Bull Schmidt." Well "Bull Schmidt" is not a real name, although such people do exist, and they do share the attitudes of this character. Some of these readers were disappointed, and consequently disregarded the essential truths which were brought out.

It is important - vitally so - that all people be fully aware of the awful truth that Con Edison, with A.E.C. approval, is about to sacrifice an entire race of fish, the Hudson River Stripers, for the sake of quick electrical power.

Let there be no doubt about the significance of this move. According to the A.E.C. (and this is new information, passed on to me by Pete Barrett, President of the New Jersey Chapter of the HRFA) over 90% of all commercially caught striped bass are Hudson River Fish.

Thus, the Northeast stands to lose most of its striped bass if Con Ed and the A.E.C. is allowed to trade fish for electrons.

This is my stand:

(1) Unify all groups and individuals concerned with the striped bass fishery (Anglers, Commercial Fishermen, Tackle Dealers, Manufacturers, etc.)

(2) Declare a moratorium on all efforts to seek legislation favoring one group of fishermen over another - specifically, a moratorium on no-netting laws. (This will allow sport and commercial anglers to stop fighting each other and start fighting the real enemies - the destroyers of the natural marine environment which supports all life!)

(3) Enlist the help and support of all conservation groups. The threat to this fishery is also a threat to a great eco-system.

(4) Support the Hudson River Fishermen's Association as the spear head of a dynamic new thrust to preserve the nature condition of the Hudson River Estuary.

If you are serious about saving the striped bass, here is what you should do:

Attend the ATLANTIC COAST STRIPER MEETING ON DECEMBER 9. The following is an official HRFA press release relating to this event:

Cold Spring, New York – The most important meeting ever held on striped bass, the glamour game and food fish of the Atlantic Coast, will take place Saturday, December 9, at the College of Mount St. Vincent in Riverdale, N.Y., David Seymour, president of the Hudson River Fishermen's Association, Inc., announced today. The meeting, sponsored by the HRFA, Save Our Stripers and the student chapters of the American Institute of Biological Sciences at Mount St. Vincent and Manhattan Colleges, will offer, according to Seymour, "startling information on Atlantic Coast striped bass and what sports and commercial fishermen must do to protect this multi-million dollar resource from destruction."

Seymour added, "we expect a banner turnout of fishermen from up and down the East Coast, including commercial men who have differences with anglers. Unless striped bass fishermen can get together now, this great species is scheduled to disappear from the Atlantic shore."

The striped bass meeting will start promptly at 10 a.m. in the Science Hall Auditorium with a welcome by Dom Pirone, director of the Environmental Studies Program at Mount St. Vincent and Manhattan. The chairman will be Rod Vandivert of Oak Beach, L.I., a well known New York conservationist, and the featured speaker John R. Clark, senior associate of the Conservation Foundation in Washington, D.C. An outstanding authority on the striped bass, Clark has served with the Woods Hole Laboratory of the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, helped found the U.S. Marine Gamefish Laboratory at Sandy Hook, N.J., where he was assistant director, and been curator of the New York Aquarium. He is the author of several books and 50 scientific papers and reports, a number of them dealing with striped bass.

In his presentation, Clark will draw upon research published by the Atomic Energy Commission in its final evaluation of the environmental impact of Consolidated Edison's Indian Point Two nuclear plant on the Hudson River. According to the AEC report, the Hudson River and not the Cheasapeake Bay

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Don't Give It Up Yet

BY THE TIME this reaches you the moon-strong tides of November's full moon will still be in effect, and shore fishing might be good. Better if we have had, about now, another cold snap. As of this writing (November 11) the water has not become cold enough.

Again this autumn it's a particularly emphatic 'Where?' There have not been large numbers of migrant big bass in the surf. A good many schoolies were caught early this month, at Moriches and Shinnecock most consistently; brief showings at Cedar (like on November 2); many schoolies at Montauk with blues and sometimes big blues mixed in; and some numerous catches of schoolies at Orient Point at least on November 5, sundown, under a strong northeaster that here hits you in the face. More important, this wind blows against the white water outrush of Gardiner's Bay, pouring bait-filled into the Sound right where you can cast here, among the rocks. Hence this wind prevents this bait from spreading out far in the current's force. So at Orient, the northeaster stymies this fast ebb; the bait lingers along the stony shore by your waders; and the fish are right in - when there's fish.

Bass up to 20's showed at Orient Point that day, and also at Democrat Point's front surf where blues were mixed in. On November 7, big blues were mixed in with many schoolies and at least one lunker bass at Democrat's front surf. But I was all the way out east at Orient Point and the wind turned southwest strong after being variable all day; and it was not good.

But, "blues mixed in": this means that the water has not cooled enough for any 'main run' of big bass in the surf.

The blues migrate sooner than the bass, and while the large autumn choppers are around their presence often seems to keep the stripers away.

Maybe the bass are not afraid of the blues. But it happens often along the shores that casters are reaching only bluefish while the boats bring in both blues and bass. This could mean that the stripers don't like competing with the speedy voracious choppers chasing in close after the baitfishes. Again, I think the shallow water has just got to get cold enough to invite the bass, which prefer colder water than blues.

After all the blues leave, there is

a spell when the lunker bass will either really show up in close; or not at all.

Experienced surf-pluggers wait for the blues to leave at such rocky spots as Montauk, and Point Judith in Rhode Island; and these past few years this has happened in late November (though at Montauk these last two years no large numbers of lunkers showed). The favored plugs are big Stan Gibbs pencils for these bouldery waters; big poppers; the Junior Atom in the less rocky spots; and (especially at Montauk) the big Gibbs darter. Now the new, chunky, Super Minnow Rebel should do well. It's very castable and swims finely . . . The nylon and dacron lines on the revolving spool reels used at Point Judith enable the casting of metal jigs, for a longer time before losing the jigs in a surf rockier and kelpier than Montauk's. And such old-time tackle enables a better cast of any big Atom that you might have . . . If I were to go to Montauk this year, I would also try some Alou Baitails or Tri Fin Whiptails around Shagwong Point, where that usually curving sandbar's deep fast water is good for these type lures . . .

There are almost two distinct climates on Long Island. The east end cools later in the fall than the west end. Fall action starts sooner on the west end: from Breezy Point to about Moriches; so that after the action stops on the western beaches, more is starting up further east . . .

It has been strange along the Sound so far this year. Although it was unusually bad for bass last year, at least the blues came in frequently. So far this year the white bird-armies keep working over water out far. Very seldom, usually at dawn or dusk, the blues

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KENNY BEACH BLUES

Spoons And Spinners

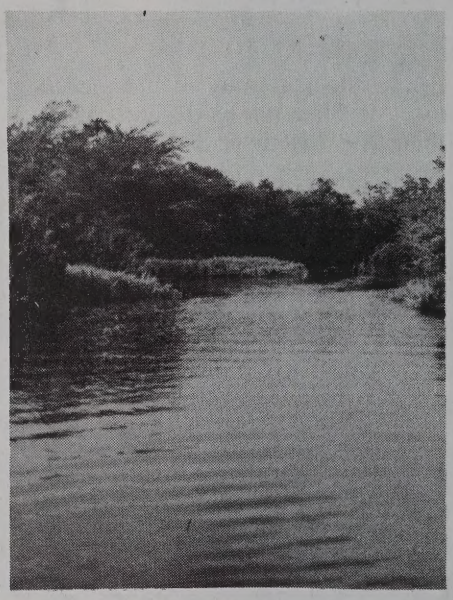
By Don Vetter

METAL LURES are probably the most widely used (and often misused) artificials on the Island. The basic difference between the two types is that the spinner has a blade which revolves around a fixed shaft, while the spoon merely wobbles in place, rather than describing a complete revolution. The methods used in fishing either of these lures are very similar; I have, therefore, chosen to treat them together in a single article.

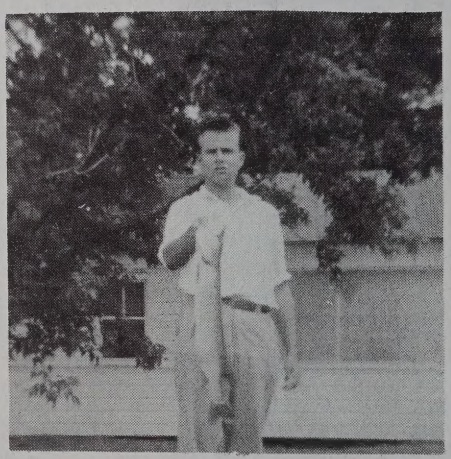
The spinners divide into two categories: The weighted, patent type lure, of which the Mepps and Abu-Reflex are good examples, and the older, unweighted variety (Colorado, Willow Leaf, June Bug, etc.), which are most often employed with the addition of bait. The June Bug spinner, which is used in walleye trolling upstate, with a nightcrawler or two, and in the salt chuck for stripers, with blood or sandworm, is an example of the uses to which these lures may be put. Since it is the patent spinner which is fished as a single entity, that is most commonly used, I will concentrate on them here.

The fluttering motion of the true spinner, as opposed to the spoon, often gives them greater fish-appeal. This is the reason I prefer them to spoons, despite their inherent line-twisting characteristics. The line-twist problem may be alleviated somewhat by the use of a good snap swivel (which also serves to expedite lure changing). Those small lead keels on the market also help, but may have a detrimental effect on the lure's action, which is why I never employ them. In the long run, line-twist is a problem that the spinner user must learn to live with.

The most common mistake many anglers make in working a spinner, is a too fast retrieve. This prevents the lure from getting down deep enough, and will often take only small, unsophisticated fish. In fishing a lake or pond, just slowing the lure down a bit can make all the difference. A relatively steady retrieve seems to be the most effective one to use with a revolving blade spinner. When a river or stream (or any flowing water) is on the agenda, you must make a considerable change in technique, if you wish to score well on the larger fish.



Cast upstream in flowing water.



Pickerel and pike like hardware.

Phil Uruburu with trout taken on Mepps Spinner.

The across and downstream cast is the one that 90% of the anglers seem to use in stream fishing. This limits them to fishing only the upper portion of the water, as the current soon causes the spinner to rise near the top. To big, lazy ones lie facing the current, waiting for a meal to wash down to them, the upstream cast is the one to use. This can often provide a tricky method to master, as the lure should be retrieved just faster than the speed of the current, to keep the blade revolving. It will allow you to fish deep in the stream, and despite hang-ups and occasional lure loss, you are almost bound to take more and larger fish.

A pool with moving water may be fished effectively by casting the spinner across and upstream. Merely keep a taut line, and allow the current to sweep the lure on a circuit of the pool. No retrieve is necessary until the spinner reaches the end of its arc. Keeping the lure motionless in front of a likely looking pocket, with the current turning the blade, will often pay big dividends.

The spoon is among the oldest of lure types in use today, and it is still a good performer. The typical wobbler (Daredevil, Wob-1-Right, etc.) has a treble hook affixed by a split ring. The weedless, 'Silver Minnow' type has a single hook, forged to the spoon blade, and protected by a wire weed guard. Pork rind or other adornments may be used on this type without affecting the action, as would be the case on those lures which rely on their free-swinging treble tail hook for the wobbling motion.

The thickness of the spoon blade determines the speed at which the lure will provide its best action. Not many fishermen seem to realize this, and choose a thick bladed spoon on the basis of its admittedly better casting qualities, when a thin bladed lure would be more in order. For fishing in still water, or where a slow retrieve is in order (as it often is), the thinner bladed spoon will prove its worth with superior action. The heavier lures come into

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THANKSGIVING TURKEY

BY FRED GUARDINEER

THE TURKEY IS AN ALL-AMERICAN BIRD, TAMED BY THE AZTECS AND DISCOVERED BY THE SPANIARDS IN 1518. BY 1530 THEY HAD BEEN EXPORTED TO SPAIN.

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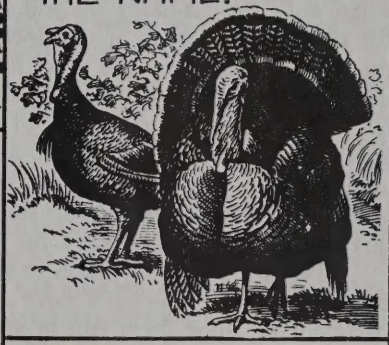

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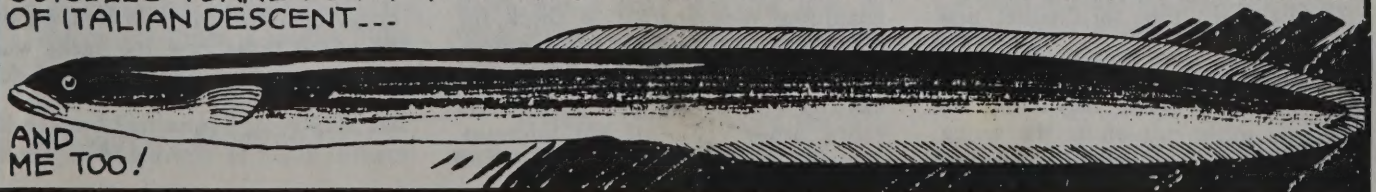
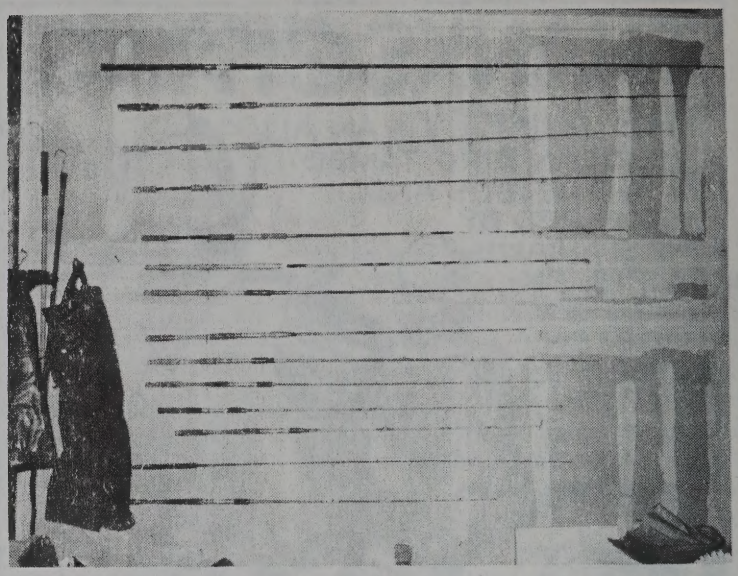


DON'T STOW IT YET

By Mickey Chiarenza



Rods should be stored on ceiling hangers made with cup hooks or eye screws or just plain nails hammered into a garage wall.

IF YOU THINK you can stow all your tackle away and leave it heaped up in some dark corner until spring arrives, better grab a cup of coffee, sit down, and read the following:

Although it is that time of year when only the die-hards are still at it for that one last crack at a striper, or the bottom fishermen who brave it out until their sinkers start to bounce off of ice, there's just the memories of the good times we had in 1972 for most. And while our memories are still fresh with the experiences of the past season, now is the time to get ready for '73!

Do you have a few lures or sinkers and hooks in your car's glove compartment or trunk, or a reel in a box in some dark corner of the garage; snaps and swivels in pockets of jackets or foul weather gear? Get it all together and assess what you have and what you're going to need 'before' spring arrives. It's easy to set all your gear aside and say, "Well, I'll get around to it in the spring." What's going to happen is a pack of trouble come spring with failures, disappointments and panic trips to the tackle shops.

Remember those leaky boots or waders you were standing in the warm water of the fall season with? Well, in the spring the water is icy cold. Repair them or add a new pair to your list. Remember that fast tape-up job on that rod guide? There's big trouble here if you forget about it. Lose your trusty knife, Bunky? You'll be looking all over for it on the water next year, when suddenly you'll remember you left it on Charlie's boat. Fine for Charlie; now he's got two!

Check out your rod guides for cuts, grooves or burrs; they'll ruin new line you might put on in the spring. Remove the reels from the rods and wash them off with fresh water and wipe them down with a dry rag. While doing this, check them out. Sometimes reels need repairs that we can forget about during the long winter months. On your first fishing trip, you will discover the problem anew, too late. A mad dash to the tackle shop to get it fixed might result in finding out that it will take two weeks before you get it back because the reel repair department is "jammed up" with reels that need repair. If new parts are required and they are not in stock, then you've really got problems. I once had to go out and buy a new reel or give up fishing for six weeks! Check your reels for lost screws. This happens frequently if you are like myself and keep rods and reels in a trailered boat. The vibrations of trailering and the movement of the water work them loose and chances are you have lost a few.

If your repairs are minor such as this, you will easily find replacements and can then repair it yourself. If the repair is complex, then take it to the expert as special tools are sometimes required along with a skilled hand. The same applies to rods if silk winding is required and you don't know the technique. These repairs will take time and the repair shops are in their slow season now. If you should get hung up with a hard-to-get part, they will take the time to look it up and get it for you.

If your reels appear to be in good condition, remembering to check the drag also, take them apart one at a time. Pour some kerosene into a clean coffee can and with a clean paint brush or old tooth brush clean off old lubricant, dirt and sand, wipe dry, repack with recommended lubricant, reassemble and wrap the reel up in a clean rag to keep the dust off. Rods should be stored on ceiling hangers made with cup hooks or eye screws or just plain nails hammered into a garage wall (see photo). Even if you are working on your rods during the winter months, putting on new winding, changing guides or tips, or remending something, put the rod back in its usual storage place when you're not working on it. Needless to say many things can happen to an expensive rod when it is left about carelessly. That's all there is to it; you're now ready in the rod and reel department.

Line must be checked carefully. Sometimes all that is required is to remove some ten feet or so from the working end; test the new end for strength. Cheap mono tends to set on a spool and rolls off in many curls which spell trouble. Get rid of it and put good mono on your list. There are a few good brands on the market that are soft, limp, have a fine diameter and are strong. If you have used the same line for more than a season, don't risk another year with it. Start off trouble free and put on a fresh spool.

Boat owners have plenty of work to do to store away equipment. This includes boats, motors, trailers and everything else that goes with it. Engine parts can also take time to get and install, so get with it now. Do it while it is still fresh in your mind. Beach buggy operators can now find the time to install those new rod racks which they didn't have the time for before.

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CONNECTICUT SCENE

BY DICK ALLEY

A TRIP ACROSS

A COUPLE OF WEEKS ago, I spoke with Doug Van Wynen just as he'd returned from a trip across to Eatons Neck. He'd had a fair day, though for the most part the fish had been small, and he'd had to wire line to catch them.

I'd venture to say that on a given day, weather permitting, you'll find as many Conn. boats fishing the waters around Eatons Neck Coast Guard Station, as you will boats off the Island. The reason is simple. Eatons Neck, or Buoy 11B, or any of the water stretching along that massive reef, holds probably the biggest concentration of gamefish, more consistently than any other spot in the western end of Long Island Sound.

It's best known for some of the wildest bluefish bonanzas to be found in the Sound. Try the area once or twice a week during a season, and it's just about certain you'll have a day or two to reminisce over through the long winter months. I can remember such days, for every year I've fished the spot. I think I had my most enjoyable day this past season, and I hardly got to fish.

An old high school buddy, Harold Deluca and his son Harold Jr., are surf anglers, and at the time were on vacation, waiting for those blues to hit the beaches. My daughter Lori and I were on the way across to try some wire line trolling, so they joined us.

It takes about 20 minutes for the Writers Cramp to make the run to 11B. The day was cloudy and windless, so we made even better time. Reaching the Can, we dropped a pair of wire lines over the side, and began trolling the edge of the reef towards shore. On the end of one leader went the famed BIG DADDY, and on the other, a surgical tube lure called the Tri-Fin Eel.

Picture the bottom between the Coast Guard Station and Buoy 11B, and it's simple to see why so many fish are taken there. Around an immense undersea plateau, waters outside measure anywhere from 100 to 170 ft., then rise abruptly to 40 and 50 ft. just inside the light. The reef itself runs generally north to south, with a big cut in the middle, halfway between 11B and shore. Another shelf is just west of the cut. Atop the reef itself, depths range from a shallow 16 ft. to 25 ft. In the cut itself, water depths range from 35 to 45 ft.

These waters should be trolled with a fish-finder for best results. I've been successful with both the Garcia and the Lowrance models. While it's true that fish-finders show the fish themselves, more important is the fact that with or without the aid of the chart, an angler can be trolling over productive territory 99% of the time.

With 300 ft. of wire on one outfit and 200 on the other, we began trolling a north to south pattern along the edge of the reef. A large group of boats trolled a tight pattern just west of the cut, so we decided to troll towards them. We were about half-way there, in 45 ft. of water, just off the east side of the reef when the fish-finder flashed a group of blips at the 15 ft. mark. Cranking in another 50 ft. on the short line, we waited and Wham! Harold tied into the first chopper of the day, and soon had the four-pounder flopping in the boat. By now we were close enough to see there was plenty of action in the increasing armada in the cut. Some were trolling, while other boats were evidently just drifting. As we move into the pack, we could see fish on in all directions. A Bronx party boat, loaded with fishermen pulled fish after fish over the side. Another pair of anglers in a run-a-bout were fishing bunker chunks. A glance at the fish-finder at first made me wonder if it was working right, but then I spotted the fish. The bottom signal was a wide pulsating line, its width wavering from two to four feet. That wide ribbon of light was the bluefish.

It was quite an afternoon, the best of the s ason. Young Harold and Lori played fish until they were worn out. Hal caught his share, and I even took time to land a couple. When the crowd became too thick, we drifted and tied on Diamond Jigs and heavy Hopkins lures and took them that way.

Yet, 11B in the 1972 season didn't live up to its reputation. For that matter, with all the blues that were taken throughout the season, the fall run wasn't near what I expected. Keep in mind that bluefish aren't the only attraction at 11B. Porgies made a good showing there in season, but right now and just possibly for weeks to come, striped bass are busting loose.

So far, only reports of small fish have reached my ears, but I can recall other years and other trips when; Leo Cooper, designer of all those fantastic Goo-Goo Eye lures, called me one year, about this time to give me hell. I was ready to pack it in for the season, while Leo was making daily trips to Eatons Neck and coming back with fish upwards of 25 and 30 pounds.

I know of no fisherman who knows the area of 11B as well as Leo. Vin Mola, and Jerry DeRosa fish these grounds with perfection, but Leo, well his initials are probably on every prominent boulder on that reef. He often catches fish here right into December.

I remember other seasons when we fished in near the old barge and took school bass on bucktails all day long. There was an 18 pounder by Len Orifice, and a 25 pound bass by Frank Schober.

Then there was a mid-summer night that Bob Stanley, Ed Boland and I fished the reef. Bob was just landing a small blue, and had it fifteen feet from the boat when a boil the size of a moon crater appeared behind his fish. He yanked the blue across the surface, and the predator followed. It just brushed the side of Bob's big Whaler as it dove beneath it. The shark was as long as the boat itself. What a catch that would be some night at 11B.

HUDSON RIVER REPORT

by PETE BARRETT

VERPLANCK

Carl Harty and his son Carl, Jr. braved the winds of Haverstraw Bay to troll up 2 stripers on tubes Thursday at dusk. Their single red tubes took the bass over the Oyster Beds off George's Island Park weighing 3 lbs. and 6½ lbs. Carl's graph fish finder showed lots of readings but few takers to his offerings, says he'll try again next week. Jack Noell was out with a mess of sandworms at the beds and picked up over a dozen schoolies on an outgoing tide. The Bay should be getting better each week, peaking in December with trollers and sandworm drifters doing the best.

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CROTON POINT

Bass are reported at Scarborough, Sing-Sing and Bishops Rocks with sandworms scoring on most fish. Yellow bucktails stung 2 stripers for Bill Livingston trolling in a cartopper at Bishops Rocks. He had 3 more at Tellers Point on the middle of the outgoing tide, again on bucktails. Bob Rothman was at Tellers Point too, but took only one bass of 4 lbs. 11 oz. also on bucktails. Dr. Zimmerman and buddy trolled umbrellas along Croton Point getting only one hit which they lost, but later made up for it trolling to the south of Bishops Rocks when they gaffed the best striper of the week, a ten pound 6 ozer. The bass hit a red bingle tube in the center of the umbrella.

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FORT LEE

According to Ed Graser of the Outdoorsmen Ltd, Tommy Cod are hitting well at the Palisades Interstate Park and down along Edgewater. Bill Vercelli surprised everyone by taking larger tommies on clam bait instead of on sandworms, the usual offering. The best spot is right under the George Washington Bridge, but be prepared to lose an occasional rig in the rocks. Johnny Kineler was back at Riverdale and the Spuyten Duyvil with some success on sandworms and bucktails fished on the incoming tide. Lee Patrick of Nyack made the long walk out to the end of the Piermont pier and was rewarded for his efforts with his best striper so far this year which measured 27" and weighed approximatley 7 lbs. Lee fished with sands off the concrete dock at the end of the pier at high water. He says to cast out on a bit of a right angle from the pier to put your bait in the channel.

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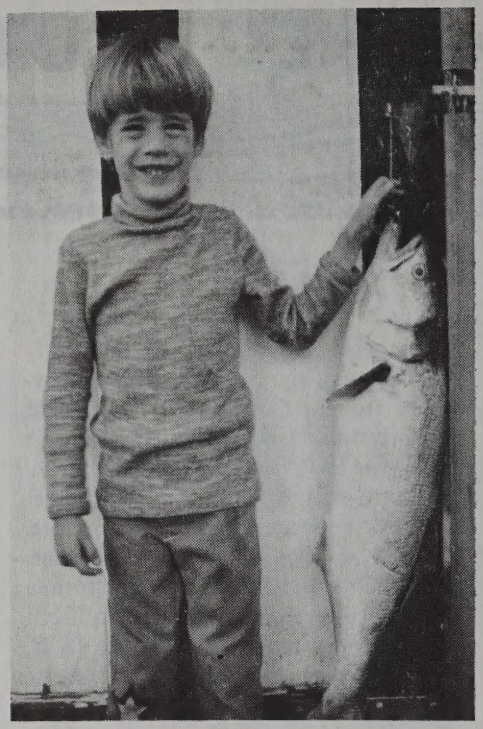
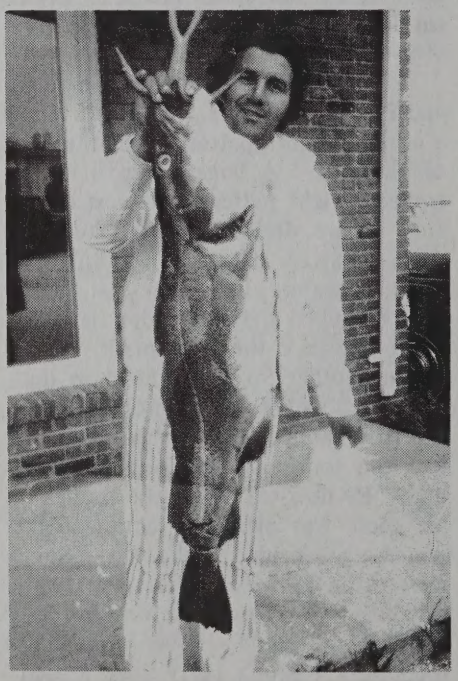


Teddy Schoenau, Jr., of Brooklyn, with one of ten bluefish caught at the Farms aboard Al Heym's "Ruthie V."



Antonia Bencardino, of the Bronx, with a 45 lb. cod. Photo courtesy of the "Peconic Queen."

MONTAUK

On Sunday, November 12th, 15 anglers aboard the "Marlin III" out of Montauk caught 170 fish: Cod, pollock and blackfish up to 12 pounds, and a few snowshoe flounders. The pool winner was a 38 lb. cod. The Marlin III is now fishing in Block Island waters.

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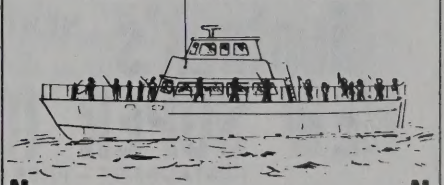

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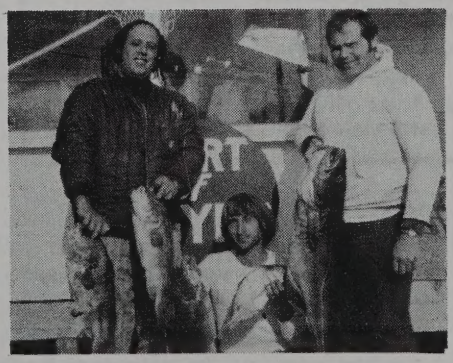
Art Owens, of Northport, took this photo of a shark which was washed up at the Robert Moses State Park last June.



(Left to right) Herb Silow, Ken Schaffer Mike Gralla, hailing from Brooklyn and Smithtown, with 80 blackfish up to 8 lbs., a 2½ lb. porgy and a 21½ lb. codfish (first of the year), caught off Orient Point Lighthouse. Photo courtesy of Port of Egypt Fishing Station.

"The codfishing is excellent out at Montauk." Photo by the "Peconic Queen".

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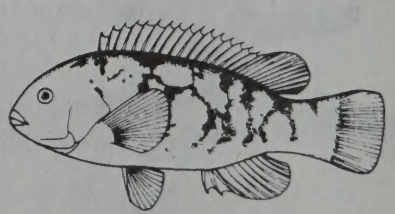

BLACKFISH

MONTAUK

Capt. Paul Forsberg skipper of the "Viking Star" reports that codfishing at the Block Island grounds is excellent. On Saturday we had 125 cod up to 51 lbs. The 51 lb. cod was a pool winner and was caught by Ted Mikuki of Copiague. Sunday we had over 300 cod and big blackfish. The pool winning cod was caught by Bill Illis of Brooklyn with a 44 lb. fish. The blackfish that are mixed with the cod are big, some running 8 to 12 lbs.

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Mark Kurzman, of Scarsdale, with the pool winning bluefish caught by his dad aboard the "Hel-Cat" of Montauk.

MONTAUK

Capt. Richard Rade, skipper of the "Marlin III," reported that the cod and pollock fishing was excellent over the weekend. Some good catches of blackfish were made along with the cod and pollock at the Block Island Grounds. Earlier in the week, good catches of cod were made right off the Lighthouse. The pool fish have been in the 35 to 40 lb. range all week. Boatmen are picking up stripers and some blues under the Light.

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HAMPTON BAYS

Tony Leslie of Tony's Fishing Station reported there is good flounder fishing available. The better areas are Buoys 17, 14 and 20. The area inside the inlet on the east side is also productive. The best baits are worms, mussels and clams.

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MORICHES

Bob Seifert of the Silly Lily Fishing Station reported that flounder fishing is good. Flounder from ¾'s to 1½ lbs. are taking worms. Harts Cove and Seatuck Cove are your best spots. There are codfish at the Bell Buoy and they run about 20 lbs. on the average.

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CAPTREE

Capt. Ben Litwin, skipper of the "Capt. Litwin," reported flounder fishing was very good. The Captain fished the Cherry Grove area and had very good luck. The flounders average 2 lbs. with one going 3 lbs. 15 ozs. This will be the last week to go flounder fishing aboard the Capt. Litwin. Starting Saturday, the Capt. Litwin will be sailing for cod daily at 6 A.M.

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BABYLON

Walter Schmidt of the Babylon Fishing Station reports excellent flounder fishing in the bay, at Buoy 7, and east of the Captree Bridge. Codfish are being caught in 50 to 90 ft. of water south of the Fire Island Inlet.

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Winners of the Babylon Tuna Club's Annual Codfish Contest are: 1st, George Brooks aboard the Terry Ann, 45 lbs. 13 oz. cod. 2nd, Charlie Isenberg caught a 35 lb. 12 oz. cod, while fishing aboard the Sea-Hunt. 3rd, Mary Schole caught a 32 lb. 4 oz. cod aboard the Sea-Hunt. 4th, Charles Dezold tipped the scales with a 32 lb. cod, a board the Cathy J.

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SEAFORD

Carmine of Dell's Fishing Station reports there is good flounder fishing available. Glen and John Denmeade, of Farmingdale, had 75 flounders (all about 1 lb.) fishing near the State Channel by the 3rd bridge. John Negrete, of Bethpage, had 30 flounder, about ¾'s to 1 lb. each, fishing between the 1st and 2nd bridges. The baits used were worms, mussels and clams.

Lon Wanser of Wanser's Bait and Tackle reports that there are small flounders anywhere in the bay. Worms work best for bait. Offshore, big blues and big bass are being taken.

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WANTAGH

Frank Hecker of the Causeway Bait and Tackle reports that flounder fishing is good but many of these fish are small. Catching the right tide will insure the larger fish. Worms and mussels work best in the bait department.

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FREEPORT

Capt. Marty Dombrowski reported the codfishing is very good. The area being fished is southeast of Jones Inlet in 80 ft. of water. Capt. Marty had cod to 40 lbs. on Sunday. On Saturday, cod and blues were taken. Joe Dbola, aboard the "Nancy N," had 17 cod to 36 lbs. The "Jack VI" had blues on Sunday and cod on Saturday. The blues went to 10 lbs. The "Hel Ann" had 22 fish to 40 lbs. on Sunday.

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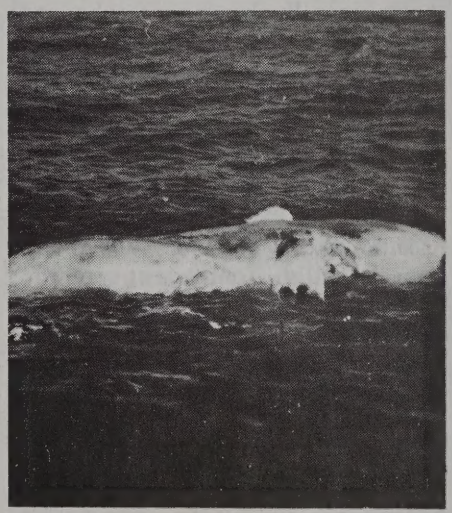

Nick Messina, of Massapequa, spotted this dead whale while trolling 18 miles offshore out of Jones Inlet. There were 10 or 15 sharks feeding on the carcass. The photo was taken about 2 years ago.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed Wardle of Ed's Fishing Station reports that North Channel, Cinder Creek and the Flats at Middle Grounds have plenty of flounders. These are not the size of the spring flounder, they run to about ¾ of a pound and worms are working best as bait. On the outside 3 to 5 miles out they have good cod fishing. Cod from 10 to 30 lbs. are being caught. Average size is about 15 to 18 lbs.

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POINT LOOKOUT

Capt. Andy Pollio skipper of the "Junior II" reports excellent codfishing over the weekend. On Saturday we had 32 good size cod just south of the Cholera Banks. Sunday we fished the same area and caught 27 cod that were just a little smaller than Saturday's catch. We were the only boat in the area.

Capt. Henry Thorschmidt, skipper of the "Blue Albatross," reported nice sized cod are being caught south of Cholera and southeast of Jones Inlet in about 80 ft. of water. Some mackerel are offshore also. Wreck fishing produces porgies and blackfish.

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ATLANTIC BEACH

Sy Rubin of Henning's Fishing Station reported lots of striped bass up to 50 lbs. are being caught off Sandy Hook. There are many fish in the 20 lb. class at this area. Bunker spoons, tubes and umbrella rigs are accounting for most of the catches. Small stripers are all over the Tin Can Grounds. Diamond jigs and umbrella rigs work best in this area. Good sized blackfish can be found at Buoy 4, Atlantic Beach Bridge, Silver Point and the 28th Street Wreck. The Atlantic Beach Rod & Gun Club's Annual Codfish Tournament was won by Larry Krafitz with a 22 lb. 13 oz. codfish. Good sized flounder are being caught at Duck Point, Cedarhurst Yacht Club and just about anywhere in Reynolds Channel. Cod fishermen are still picking up bluefish. Some scattered catches of weakfish are being taken also.

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JAMAICA BAY

John Brando of the Cross Bay Rod & Gun Shop reports that boatmen are having good results with flounders at the Silver Hole. Shore casters are getting flatties at the north and south channel bridges. Bass action at the north and south channel bridges has slowed down considerably.

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SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Sal Lauro of Stella Maris Tackle Shop reports some stripers and blues are being caught off the Jersey coast and just outside the jetty. Blackfish are being caught at the wrecks around Coney Island and off Seabright. A few cod have been caught locally.

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SHARK RIVER

Al Shinn, skipper of the "Miss Belmar," reported the bluefishing has been pretty good between the Klondike and the Manasquan Ridge. Bottom fishing has been fair for blackfish at Long Branch. Flounder fishing has been slow in the river. There are some scattered schools of mackerel offshore. Striped bass are being caught along with the blues at the Klondike area.

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SMITHTOWN

Capt. John of the Smithtown Marina tells us that the marina is closed for the season and he will see everybody in the spring.

SORRY ABOUT THAT

On page 8 of last week's issue one of the photo captions had an error. The top right caption under the photo read: Donel Smith of Wantagh, etc., etc. The correct name of the angler is Don McGuiness.

DON'T STOW IT

It wouldn't hurt to try to remove some of that salty sand from under the seats! Trailer registrations have to be renewed, and beach permits too.

This is also a good time to get charts of the areas which you fish, or if you have them already, to check out those new places at which you caught fish. Study them carefully while landmarks, buoys, etc. are still clear in your mind. If you keep a log on your fishing activities, study it carefully as it may hold a key to new tackle you will need come the new season. You can add this to your list now. Something as simple as a certain snap or swivel can make a big difference for you. Some items are hard to get and they might take time to find. This is a good time to talk to dealers regarding a new or useful item that you want and can't find. The dealer will ask his supplier and perhaps that hard-to-get item will be waiting for you at your favorite tackle department come next spring.

Regarding tackle, lures, hooks, rigs, etc., this may be one job even I sometimes close my eyes to and make like I didn't see it. A tangled mass of a few dozen casting and trolling lures isn't a proper way of keeping tackle, however, those quicky rush trips to the beach this fall just didn't leave much time to be proper but now this job must be done. Some lures may be beyond further use if the finish is gone or if something is broken and will impair proper action. Rusty hooks should be cut off as they will catch less fish and are a danger to you. They should be replaced with new ones. Caution should be taken when replacing trebles for plugs as the hooks used may play a big part in balancing that particular lure. This is especially true for small floaters and the same size and weight hooks should be the only replacement. Check for hooks that are bent either inward or outward. This is a cause for many fish to escape when the angler cannot find the source of his problem. A pair of pliars is all that is needed to remedy this situation. Sharpen the hooks with a stone or fine file and stow away (neatly).

Although it is probably impossible to find a good assortment of loose hooks around for replacements at this time of year, there are some dealers who keep well stocked year round. List them if you cannot find them. Discard or put away lures that have not worked for you for more than a couple of seasons. At times a particular lure may be good for a certain situation and place so you can save it for that time, but if on a number of occasions it hasn't earned its worth when it should have, you've wasted valuable time with it. You probably could have been catching fish with another lure, so toss it out. Add to your list the lures that produce for you which you have lost, and perhaps some new ones which you would like to try out, hooks for baitfishing, leader material, spare lures which you have found to be particularly effective.

Winter offers us plenty of time to browse around and slowly accumulate the items we need for our season. It's also a good way to economically make these expenditures without spending the whole family bankroll in one shot. Unless you are the occasional fisherman that can throw away all the tackle he owns and get all set up again with a new rod and reel, line, 1,000 hooks, and 20 lures all for $4.99, then you've got a little planning and work to do. This will also idle away some of those cold winter nights. I would recommend that a few copies of that list you made be labeled "Tackle that Dad Needs" and scattered about the house in obvious places. Santa might even bring it – who knows!

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RHODE ISLAND FISHING REPORT

Salt water fishing in Rhode Island has entered its Indian Summer and the most plentiful fins are those of bass, pollock, mackerel, flounder and bluefish.

In Newport Harbor itself, as well as around Aquidneck Island, there are school bass, pollock, tinker/2 pound mackerel, and bluefish.

At Narragansett, there are bass along the beaches and rocky shores and good flounder catches at the mouths of the tidal streams such as Narrow River. Pollock are plentiful and codfish are showing up along the beaches.

The south shore from Point Judith to Westerly has cod just off shore and bluefish. Pollock also are to be taken.

Around the Jamestown Bridge area and in the lower west bay, a school of bass from "small fish to good heavy fish" are to be found.

This report constitutes the final one for the 1972 season. A wrap-up of general statistics and record catches will follow within a few weeks. If readers wish additional information throughout the winter season, they should contact: Fishing Editor, Rhode Island Development Council, Roger Williams Bldg., Hayes Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908.

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BATTLE TO SAVE STRIPERS

system is the main source of the striped bass that range the East Coast. Moreover, the AEC report notes that unless the Indian Point plant is equipped with closed circuit cooling, it will destroy 30 to 50 per cent of the annual striped bass hatch in the Hudson, causing "dramatic decline" in sports and commercial catches along the East Coast. Clark will also discuss the damage that other power plants on the Hudson can inflict on the striper hatch.

According to Seymour, Dr. C.P. Goodyear of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, principal author of the AEC's fish findings, has been invited to speak. "We would be delighted if Dr. Goodyear could be present to explain his research techniques and computer analysis," Seymour said. He added the sponsors are making a special point of inviting striped bass organizations from North Carolina to New England so, in Seymour's words, "they can learn first hand about the main source of the Atlantic Coast stock and the threats to it." Seymour also said invitations to attend were being sent to the Sierra Club, the National Audubon Society, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Environmental Defense Fund, the Environmental Planning Lobby, Theodore Gordon Flyfishers, the Hudson River Conservation Society, the American Littoral Society, Trout Unlimited, the Salt Water Flyrodders of America, the Federation of Fly Fishermen and other organizations.

Mount St. Vincent College is located in Riverdale, just south of Yonkers, N.Y., and is easily reached by car. There is ample parking, and a number of restaurants are nearby. "The campus offers a beautiful view of the lower Hudson," Seymour said, "and we believe this is a most fitting site for this most important meeting ever held on that great fish, the striper."

STRICTLY CASTING

run in very briefly; even along the North Fork where there has been more mossbunker than along the western Sound.

One Fork spot was the deep-water shore of Kenny Beach. Here on October 28 under the water-flattening southeaster, all the rods finally bent over at sundown. Literally up to your feet the blues chased even baby stripers. I kept four blues on the hand-made plugs; released a fifth; and then just watched the scene. (Martha kept 2; then shouted after a "baboon" who later left his blues on the beach!) . . . It's top sport to catch 8-pound blues on plugs from the shore, but after enjoying to the brim this type of blitz some 97 times through the years, I'm now more interested in seeing long, long, long stripes again, for a change . . . (Admittedly, I would have frothed over the 14-pound blues that they got at Fire Island on Election Day, when I went out to Orient Point. 14-pound blues in the waves is really something.)

On my way back from Orient that day I stopped off at Kenny Beach at dusk. The blues would not come in though the bunker were still crackling around. But I snagged in the mouth a 25-pound angler fish with a No. 3 Hopkins. This I thought a most unusual catch (released, but observed among others by Doctor Lou Getoff of Southold). However, Al Benson told me later that out on the tip of the Jones Jetty such gruesome toothy angler fish have gone for his rigged eels; when the more usual cow bass were not around.

Anyway, surf-pluggers: don't give it up yet because the season has been late. Because more northeasters may liven the south shore, Montauk, or Point Judith or Orient Point. Because there's still a bit of a moon-tide out there right now. And because, 'You never know.'

Isn't that always the best part of all (before actually starting to catch the fish): 'You never really know.'

SPOONS AND SPINNERS

their own in turbulent water, and on a faster retrieve.

Spoons generally produce better with a varied speed retrieve, with plenty of pauses and speed-ups. The species of fish sought should help determine the best speed you work your lure at. Bass prefer a relatively slow retrieve, while pickerel are often suckers for a fast moving lure. Trout (especially the big ones) often like the slowest of retrieves, but being more unpredictable than the other two species, may fool you on occasion by taking a fast mover.

If you take some care in the selection of your lures and match your methods of working them to the different water conditions (fast, slow, clear or murky, etc.), you will certainly outfish the guy who just unthinkingly casts out and reels in. Hardware can often prove to be the most productive of methods, particularly in the case of larger fish. Good luck and tight lines.

R.J. SCHAEFER FISHING CONTEST

SCHAEFER 60 POUND CLUB: Three new members entered this most exclusive group in October. Bob Luce of the Sportsmen Unlimited Club. Mass., is certainly unlimited! He nailed the largest striper entered so far this year, a huge 71-0 lunker that was very close to the world record! Bob Sampson, Jr. on his boat "Scratcher" took a 61-8 bass on 10-1-72, out of Chatham, Mass. Romolo R. Rocco of East Northport, L.I. fed a gob of sandworms to a 60-0 linesider at North Truro, Mass.

SCHAEFER 50 POUND CLUB: Ten proud anglers and three beaming anglerettes gained entry to the club this report. Trophy bass were taken on live bait, plugs, surgical tubes, jigs, worms, jit-it-eels and live eels. Here's how the girls did it - Pam Bramley, fishing on the boat "Farmer's Daughter" used worms to nail a 53-8 striper at Nauset Beach, Mass. Susan Peckham enticed a 51-3 lunker on L.I. Sound with a live eel. Judy Eldridge tempted a 50-0 bass at Monomoy, Mass. with a lure. Well done ladies, and welcome to the club!

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Joe Cresanti of E. Northport with 11 bluefish he caught trolling near buoy 11B off Eatons Neck. Joe's fishing rod was broken by a tail snag of an 8 pounder.

Sal Santomorino, of Putnam Valley (left), with Capt. Charles Nappi, skipper of the "Sea Witch II" of Montauk, and a 268 lb. Mako shark.

Mrs. Ronnie DeLuca (left) and Anita Bach with 2 bass (37 lbs. and 23½ lbs.) they caught drifting live eels near Jones Beach.

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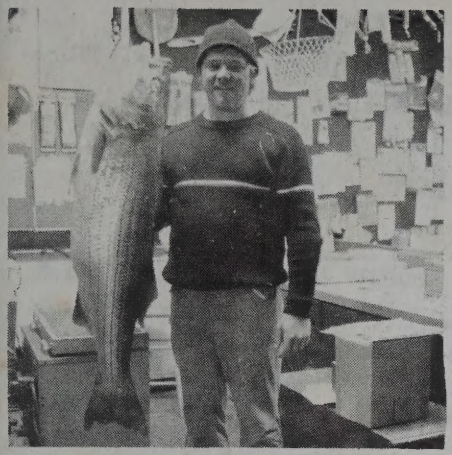
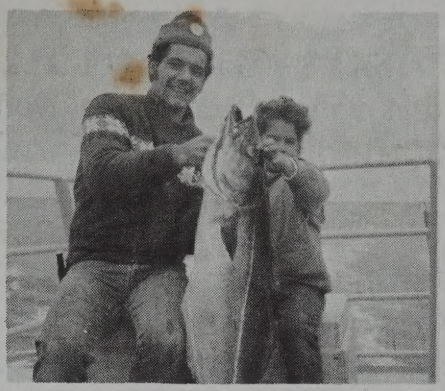
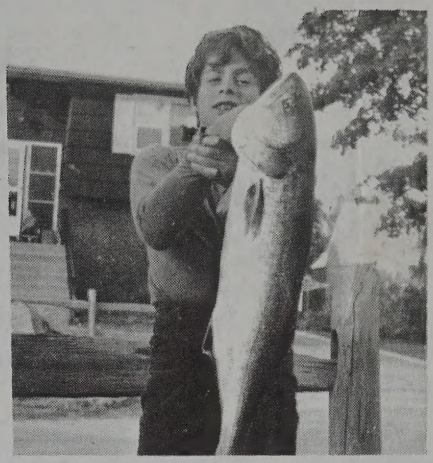


Gill Ulm, of New Hyde Park, with a 44 lb. striper, caught at Democrat Point on a plug. Photo courtesy of Causeway Bait & Tackle in Wantagh.



7 year old Danny Ducatelli, of Matawan, N.J., with a 27 lb. pollock which he caught and landed by himself. Danny's father is helping him hold it up for the photo. Photo courtesy of the "Viking" Fishing Fleet.



10 year old Chuck Goodman with a 14½ lb. bluefish, caught at the Cholera Banks. Chuck was fishing with his father and mother aboard their boat, the "Casi B."

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Sat.	10:03	10:44
Sun.	11:00	11:43
Mon.	11:58	--------
Tues.	12:39	12:54
Wed.	1:38	1:49
Thur.	2:35	2:49
	3:32	3:46

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TIDES: L.I. SOUND
WILLETS POINT STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	12:24	12:35
Fri.	1:20	1:32
Sat.	2:23	2:39
Sun.	3:33	3:54
Mon.	4:44	5:12
Tues.	5:49	6:19
Wed.	6:49	7:18
Thur.	7:40	8:11

	H.	M.
Little Neck Bay	-0	10
Execution Light	-0	06
Manhasset Bay	-0	01
Hempstead Harbor	-0	11
City Island	-0	03
Rye Beach	-0	28

TIDES: L.I. SOUND
BRIDGEPORT STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	12:19	12:36
Fri.	1:11	1:31
Sat.	2:06	2:27
Sun.	3:03	3:29
Mon.	4:04	4:27
Tues.	5:04	5:29
Wed.	6:01	6:28
Thur.	6:56	7:24

	H.	M.
Lloyd Point	+0	08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	08
Bayville Bridge	+0	13
Eatons Neck Point	+0	03
Northport Bay	+0	03
Norwalk Islands	+0	10
Smithtown Bay	-0	03
Cranes Neck Point	+0	05
Port Jeff Harbor	+0	03
New Haven Harbor	-0	08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0	08
Herod Point	-0	07
Mattituck Inlet	+0	19
Horton Point	-0	20
Truman Beach	-0	42

TIDES: B.I. SOUND
NEW LONDON STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	10:33	11:15
Fri.	11:30	--------
Sat.	12:16	12:32
Sun.	1:17	1:33
Mon.	2:23	2:41
Tues.	3:30	3:50
Wed.	4:28	4:53
Thur.	5:23	5:49

	H.	M.
Orient Point	+0	27
Connecticut River	+1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0	12
Greenport	+1	04
Southold	+1	43
New Suffolk	+2	26
South Jamesport	+2	32
Shinnecock Canal	+2	33
Noyack Bay	+2	05
Sag Harbor	+0	59
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